

# Minutes

## Health and Long Term Care Committee Governor's Commission on Senior Services

February 26, 2004  
Keizer, Oregon

**Attendees:** Mary Lawrence Chair; Estill Deitz; Jack Ewing; Elton Greeley; Mary Harvey; Maria Smith; and Dolores Hubert

**Guests:** Bruce Goldberg  
**Staff:** Jane-ellen Weidanz and Sherry L. Whitehead  
**Absent:** Linda Miller and Bob White

### *Called Meeting to Order*

January 2004 Minutes approved.

### **Wellness Subcommittee Update**

Maria gave an update on the Place Mat Project for congregate meal sites and Meals-On-Wheels Programs.

### **Implementation of the Prescription Drug Bulk Purchasing Program**

Bruce Goldberg, Oregon Health Policy and Research, gave an informational update on the prescription drug bulk-purchasing program. There are 500,000 uninsured Oregonians and another 500,000 who have health insurance without prescription drug coverage. The bulk program pools the purchasing power of the state. Pharmacies are going to be involved in the process to make sure that the drugs get to the individuals. There is no set date for implementation. In four to six weeks, they plan to have the Program Director hired to start the implementation process. Once this person is in place, the Committee wants him or her to come to a meeting to discuss ideas for implementing the program.

### **New Front Door Concept**

Discussed the New Front Door Concept and some suggestions were made for the letter that we will be sending to the SPD and AAAs.

### **Next Meeting**

- Placement in Community based care facilities